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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Liam Andrews, (202) 267–8181, Office of Rulemaking, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591.

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Petition for Exemption

Docket No.: FAA–2024–2497.

Petitioner: Pyka Inc.

Section(s) of 14 CFR Affected:

§§ 61.3(a)(1)(i), 61.3(c)(1), 61.23(a)(2), 91.119(c), 91.121, 91.151(a), 91.403(b), 91.405(a), 91.407(a)(1), 91.417(a), and 91.417(b).

Description of Relief Sought: Pyka Inc. (Pyka) seeks to amend their exemption, Exemption No. 23028, which allows Pyka to operate the Pyka Pelican and Pyka Pelican Cargo unmanned aircraft system (UAS), weighing 55 pounds (lbs.) or greater, for the purposes described in the associated Special Airworthiness Certificate—Experimental Category (SAC–EC). Pyka's amendment, if granted, would allow for night operations, beyond visual line of sight (BVLOS) operations in scenarios where the unmanned aircraft system (UAS) is operated within the visual line of sight (VLOS) of a visual observer (VO), and remove the requirement that the pilot in command (PIC) pass a 14 CFR part 61 airman knowledge test.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Limitation on Claims Against Proposed Public Transportation Project—West Seattle Link Extension Project, Seattle, King County, Washington

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces final environmental actions taken by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regarding the West Seattle Link Extension Project, Seattle, King County, Washington. The purpose of this notice is to publicly announce FTA's environmental decisions on the subject project, and to activate the limitation on any claims that may challenge these final environmental actions.

DATES: A claim seeking judicial review of FTA actions announced herein for the listed public transportation project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before October 27, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathryn Loster, Assistant Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, (202) 360–2322, or Saadat Khan, Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Environmental Policy and Programs, (202) 366–9647. FTA is located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that FTA has taken final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l) by issuing certain approvals for the public transportation project listed below. The actions on the project, as well as the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the documentation issued in connection with the project to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and in other documents in the FTA environmental project files for the project. Interested parties may contact either the project sponsor or the relevant FTA Regional Office for more information. Contact information for FTA's Regional Offices may be found at <https://www.transit.dot.gov/about/regional-offices/regional-offices>.

This notice applies to all FTA decisions on the listed project as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including, but not limited to, NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321–4375), Section 4(f) requirements (49 U.S.C. 303), Section 106 of the National Historic

Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. 306108), Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531), Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251), the Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act (42 U.S.C. 4601), and the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q). This notice does not, however, alter or extend the limitation period for challenges of project decisions subject to previous notices published in the **Federal Register**. The project modifications and actions that are the subject of this notice follow:

Project name and location: West Seattle Link Extension Project (Project), Seattle, King County, Washington.

Project Sponsor: Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (Sound Transit), Seattle, King County Washington.

Project description: The Project would expand Link light rail transit service from the South Downtown (SODO) neighborhood to West Seattle within a 4.1-mile corridor and provide fast and frequent service in the city of Seattle in King County, Washington. The light rail would operate on a fixed guideway in exclusive right-of-way, outside of traffic, to maintain reliable operations. The Project would include four (4) stations at SODO, Delridge, Avalon, and Alaska Junction. The stations would be elevated, at-grade, in a retained cut, or in a tunnel, depending on the site conditions, guideway profile, and the engineering requirements of the guideway. The stations would also include ticket vending machines, closed-circuit television cameras, a public address system, emergency phones, variable-message signage that meets the applicable Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, public access, and compliance with fire code and safety requirements.

Final agency action: Section 106 Programmatic Agreement, dated February 25, 2025; Section 4(f) *de minimis* impact determination, dated April 25, 2024. West Seattle Link Extension Record of Decision (ROD), dated April 29, 2025.

Supporting documentation: West Seattle Link Extension Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), dated September 20, 2024; West Seattle, and Ballard Link Extensions Project Draft Environmental Impact (DEIS), dated January 28, 2022. The ROD, FEIS, DEIS and associated documents can be viewed and downloaded from: <https://www.soundtransit.org/system-expansion/west-seattle-link-extension>.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1).

Megan Blum,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Planning and Environment.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Request for Information Related to the Executive Order, “Modernizing Payments To and From America’s Bank Account”

AGENCY: Departmental Offices, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Request for information (RFI).

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) invites public input to inform its implementation of the President’s Executive Order (E.O.) 14247 on “Modernizing Payments To and From America’s Bank Account” issued on March 25, 2025, which, among other items, directs the Secretary of the Treasury to cease issuing paper checks and transition to the use of electronic payments for all Federal disbursements where feasible. This request for information (RFI) offers the opportunity for interested individuals and organizations to provide feedback on matters related to Treasury’s implementation of E.O. 14247, in particular Treasury’s efforts to advance a public awareness campaign that will help consumers, including unbanked and underbanked populations, transition to digital payments as contemplated by the E.O.

DATES: Written comments and information are requested on or before June 30, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Please submit comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov>, specifically at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/TREAS-DO-2025-0004>.

In general, all comments will be available for inspection at www.regulations.gov. Comments, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of the public record. Do not submit any information in your comments or supporting materials that you consider confidential or inappropriate for public disclosure.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The President’s Executive Order on “Modernizing Payments To and From America’s Bank Account” (the E.O.) issued on March 25, 2025, requires the transition to electronic payments for all Federal disbursements and receipts by digitizing payments to the extent permissible under applicable law.¹ The policy’s goals are to defend against financial fraud and improper payments, increase efficiency, reduce costs, and enhance the security of Federal payments. Effective September 30, 2025, and to the extent permitted by law, the Federal Government will cease issuing paper checks for all Federal disbursements inclusive of intragovernmental payments, benefits payments, vendor payments, and tax refunds, except as specified in the E.O.

As stated in the E.O., “the continued use of paper-based payments by the federal government, including checks and money orders, flowing into and out of the United States General Fund, which might be thought of as America’s bank account, imposes unnecessary costs; delays; and risks of fraud, lost payments, theft, and inefficiencies. Mail theft complaints have increased substantially since the COVID–19 pandemic. Historically, Department of the Treasury checks are 16 times more likely to be reported lost or stolen, returned undeliverable, or altered than an electronic funds transfer (EFT). Maintaining the physical infrastructure and specialized technology for digitizing paper records cost the American taxpayer over \$657 million in Fiscal Year 2024 alone.”²

Further, check fraud is becoming more common, with banks issuing about 680,000 reports of check fraud in 2022—nearly double the number of check fraud reports from 2021. Digital payments are more efficient, less costly, and less vulnerable to fraud.

Among other taskings, the E.O. directs Treasury, in coordination with other agencies, “to develop and implement a comprehensive public awareness campaign to inform Federal payment recipients of the transition to electronic payments, including guidance on assessing and setting up digital payment options.”³ The E.O. also directs Treasury to work with financial institutions, consumer groups, and other stakeholders to address financial access for unbanked and underbanked

populations. This RFI will help Treasury seek stakeholder input on these directives. Additionally, the E.O. directs Treasury to review and, as appropriate, revise procedures for granting limited exceptions where electronic payment and collection methods are not feasible.

Treasury is therefore seeking information and recommendations from all interested parties on matters related to the implementation of E.O. 14247, in particular Treasury’s efforts to advance a public awareness campaign that will help consumers, including unbanked and underbanked populations, transition to digital payments as contemplated by the E.O.

II. Request for Information

Treasury welcomes input on any matter that commenters believe is relevant to Treasury’s role in implementing the President’s Executive Order on “Modernizing Payments To and From America’s Bank Account.” Commenters are invited to respond to any or all of the following questions, and to provide any other comments relevant to this work.

A. Paper Check Usage for Government Collections and Disbursements

1. What are some of the factors causing individuals and organizations to continue to use paper checks to receive or make payments to the Federal Government?

2. What barriers exist for transitioning individuals and organizations to electronic funds transfer (EFT) options?

a. Are there particular barriers preventing unbanked and underserved individuals from adopting EFT options?

b. Are there particular barriers preventing individuals who own bank accounts or small businesses from adopting EFT options?

c. Are there cases where Federal agencies do not currently provide EFT options or where information regarding EFT options is not readily available?

d. What alternatives to EFT payments should Federal agencies consider in the limited cases where electronic methods are not feasible?

2. Have there been successful campaigns in the private sector or in other areas to transition individuals from paper checks to EFT options that could inform Federal efforts?

a. Why do you think that these campaigns were successful?

b. What strategies would you recommend to Treasury?

B. Public Awareness Campaign and Stakeholder Outreach

1. What information should a public awareness campaign include and what

¹ Exec. Order No. 14247, 90 FR 14001 (March 28, 2025).

² Id. at 14001.

³ 90 FR 14002.